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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The multiple cross-linking agents may also include linear polymers having Si-H functionalities as part of or pendant from the polymer chain, cyclic compounds having Si-H functionalities as part of or pendant from the ring, a dendrimer having Si-H functionalities, and mixtures of these three types of cross-linking agents. Useful linear polymers include, but are not limited to, (CH₃)₃Si-O-(SiR²H-O)_n-Si(CH₃)₃, wherein R² is selected from methyl and ethyl groups and wherein n is a positive integer from about 10 to about 100, preferably about 10 to about 50 and most preferably from about 10 to about 30; $H(CH_3)_2Si-O-(SiPHh(-OSi(CH_3)_2H)-O)_n-$ Si(CH₃)₂H, wherein n is a positive integer from about 10 to about 100, preferably about 10 to about 50 and most preferably from about 10 to about 30; (CH₃)₃Si-O-(SiH₃H-O)_m- $(SiCH_3(C_8H_{17})-O)_n-Si(CH_2)_3$ $(CH_3)_3Si-O-(Si(CH_3)(H)-O)_m-(Si(CH_3)(C_8H_{17})-O)_n-Si(CH_3)_3$ wherein m is a positive integer from about from about 10 to about 100, preferably about 10 to about 50 and most preferably from about 10 to about 30, and wherein n is a positive integer from about 10 to about 100, preferably about 10 to about 50 and most preferably from about 10 to about 30; and H₂R³Si(SiR³H)_n-SiR³H₂; wherein R³ is selected form from alkyl and aryl groups having from about 1 to about 15 carbon atoms, and wherein n is a positive integer from about 10 to about 100, preferably about 10 to about 50 and most preferably from about 10 to about 30. The selection of a suitable cross-linking agent should not limit the scope of the invention.--